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**GAIL FARBER, Director**

August 30, 2011

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
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**ADOPTED**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

28 August 30, 2011

*Sachi A. Hamai*  
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**AWARD OF CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT TO MWH AMERICAS, INC.,  
FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN FOR THE  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 29, MALIBU  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 3)  
(3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

This action authorizes the Director of Public Works or her designee to enter into a Consultant Services Agreement for the development of a comprehensive Master Plan for the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 29, Malibu.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 29, MALIBU:**

Award and authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to enter into a Consultant Services Agreement with MWH Americas, Inc., for the development of a comprehensive Master Plan for the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 29, Malibu, for a not-to-exceed fee of \$975,000, including \$88,873 for unforeseen additional work.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended action is to develop a comprehensive Master Plan for the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 29, Malibu (District). The Master Plan will include water system data collection, hydraulic modeling, analyses of existing and future domestic and fire flow water demands to determine the needed water system improvements, and developing a plan of funding alternatives to construct the improvements. The Master Plan will also include analysis of electrical power usage for the effective operation and maintenance of the District's water system.

The consultant will work with staff from the City of Malibu and the County of Los Angeles (County) Department of Regional Planning to include pertinent existing and future land use and associated water demand in the Master Plan.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3). These goals will be furthered through the development of a Master Plan for the water systems in the District. The Master Plan will identify needed water system improvements to improve operational efficiency of the District's existing system and needed water facilities and funding options to meet future water demands.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The recommended Agreement for Consultant Services is for an aggregate, not-to-exceed fee of \$975,000, including \$88,873 for unforeseen additional work. Additional work will not be performed without prior written authorization from the Director of Public Works. Funding for the agreement is available in the Fiscal Year 2011-12 Waterworks District No. 29 Accumulative Capital Outlay Fund (N33).

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

MWH Americas, Inc., was selected in 2009 to be placed on a short list following the contracting process set forth below pursuant to the California Government Code, Section 4526, et seq. The Department of Public Works (Public Works) completed the negotiation of the agreement, including the fee for services, pursuant to the California Government Code, Section 4528.889. MWH Americas, Inc., has demonstrated satisfactory compliance with the County of Los Angeles Code Chapters 2.200 (Child Support Compliance Program) and 2.203 (Contractor Employee Jury Service Program).

The agreement will be based on the form included in the 2009 Request for Proposals, which has been reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel. Additionally, the agreement will contain special provisions requiring MWH Americas, Inc., to comply with the Safely Surrendered Baby Law and the standard provisions mandated by your Board.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The consultant services under this agreement do not constitute a project or approval of a project pursuant to Section 301 of the Environmental Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, and is excluded from the definition of a project by Section 15378(b) of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines. This proposed action is an administrative activity of government, which will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

Pursuant to the California Government Code, Section 4526, et seq., on September 2, 2009, Public Works sent out a Request for Proposals to develop a select list of engineering consultants to provide design and inspection services for drilling and construction of drinking water wells and for design inspection services for water distribution systems. The proposals were sent to 22 firms, advertised on the County's web page, listed on the Office of Small Business website, and placed in several publications. In their selected order, the firms determined to be best qualified were RMC Water and Environment; RBF Consulting; Cannon; MWH Americas, Inc.; Bureau Veritas; and AKM Consulting.

The firms are assigned work with abridged Requests for Proposals in the selected order. Therefore, Public Works is recommending the award of the agreement to MWH Americas, Inc., the fourth firm on the list.

Participation by the Community Business Enterprises (CBEs) is encouraged through Public Works' CBE Outreach Program and the requirement that consultants demonstrate their good faith efforts to utilize CBEs. MWH Americas, Inc., is aware of Public Works' CBE Outreach Program and its proposed CBE participation is on file with Public Works.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

There will be no negative impact on current County services or projects during the performance of the recommended consultant services. This agreement will enable the District to develop a Master Plan to more effectively manage, operate, and maintain its facilities, which will enhance the District's water service to its customers by developing projects to improve the reliability of the water supply and pressure.

**CONCLUSION**

Please return two adopted copies of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Waterworks Division.

Respectfully submitted,



GAIL FARBER

Director

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c: Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)  
County Counsel  
Executive Office  
Department of Regional Planning  
City of Malibu